Babcock Has New Book: "The Education of Pretty Boy"

(Editor's note: Dr. Havilah Babcock is one of Appomattox County's most distinguished native sons. His achievements are internationally- known, and great honors have come to him. Also, his wife, the former Alice Cheatham, of Appomattox, is widely acclaimed in the field of education. We are happy to present below a review of the latest book from the prolific pen of Dr. Babcock.—Editor).

. . . . Dr. Havilah Babcock

Columbia, S. C.- From the warm and wonderful world of a boy and his dog, Dr. Havilah Babcock has drawn the characters for his latest book. "The Education of Pretty Boy," published this month by Henry Holt Co., of New York.

A nostalgic story of a boy and a gun-shy dog, set in the picturesque Virginia Blue Ridge country that Dr. Babcock knows so well, "The Education of Pretty Boy" has been described by reviewers as "purely wonderful." "In a class by itself," is the Chicago Tribune's reaction. And "Publishers Weekly," the authoritative guide to libraries and book stores, declared, "Irresistible!" A story you will remember the rest of your life," and added a prediction that the book would be a "run-away."

Lewis Nichols of "The New York Times" wrote in his column, "In and Out of Books," that Henry Cavendish, who reviewed Dr. Babcock's book for the "Times," had sent a rhapsodic note to his section saying he had been "so taken by it all that he ordered ten copies of the book. Lay-away Christmas presents for next December."

Cavendish's review, headed "Setter Meets Boy," ended with these lines: "Chance a few pages of this book and you will surely lose your heart to the wonderful world where the narrative takes place."

Already the author of three highly successful novels, Dr. Babcock writes in addition to his work as a teacher and head of the Department of English at the University of South Carolina, a post he has held for some 25 years.

His popularity as a teacher is attested to by the crush of enrollments for his English 129 classes, a vocabulary and semantics study. To insure a place in the class, students enroll months in advance. The classes are as informal as Babcock himself, filled with the easy-going humor so evident in the professor's latest publication.

"The Education of Pretty Boy" relates the story of Beauregard, a big balck-and-white English setter, who suffers disgrace as a gun-shy dog. The setter flees the scene of his disgrace and is adopted by Kimmie, orphaned son of sharecroppers.

Kimmie names the dog "Pretty Boy," and after determining the dog turned gun-shy as a result of being shot by a careless hunter, the youngster takes the dog back to the happy hunting days of his puppyhood in the hope this will cure his gun-shyness.

The plan succeeds so well that "Pretty Boy" stampedes the birds instead of pointing. Kimmie is patient and understanding, however, and eventually "Boy" is pointing as majestically as in his days as "Beauregard," pride of the White Oaks hunting lodge.

Dr. Babcock's other books haye been acclaimed by reviewers and readers throughout the country. "My Health Is Better in November" will be reprinted for the eighteh tme this summer and is the only outdoor book to be reprinted in Braille. "Tails of Quails 'n' Such" has gone through several editions also, and "I Don't Want to Shoot an Elephant," a collection of essays and short stories, is growing more popular every day.

Havilah Babcock was born in Appomattox, Va., where he still maintains a home. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia. Before coming to the University of South Carolina in 1926, he was professor of English at William and Mary College, Va., and at Elon College, North Carolina.

Editor's note: We are indebted to Dr. Babcock's sister, Mrs. F. L. Murphy, of Appomattox, for the privilege of reading one of the first copies of "The Education of Pretty Boy" to come from the presses.)

Payrolla— Hear about the old lady who had wheels put on her rocking chair, so she could rock and roll?

Remember

Mother, to departing inductee — "Remember, the more stripes they have, the more you mind them."— The Busy Bee, U.S.S. Briareus (A-R-12).

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Appomattox Hardware Co., I...

We are proud to note that this is also the 50th Anniversary of two of our major suppliers: GE is 50 years old, and so is the American Oil Company.

These and other major suppliers have contributed to our growth, and we have always sought to make available here in Appomattox the very best of products. To list the famous Brand Names associated with our store would include a tremendous number of names. But, we selected the best in every line, and we truly believe that you now, as we have for FIFTY YEARS, carried merchandise of which we can well be proud.

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The adv. above shows pictures of one of the BUGG... able at Appomattox Hardware Co. The prices were ... to $125.00.

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APPOMATTOX, VIRGINIA

PERSONALS

...ss Kitty V. Wood spent the ...-end in Lynchburg.

...s. W. H. Pillow is a patient in ...orial Hospital.

... and Mrs. Bobby Dinkins are ...ng to Washington.

...dy Evans, of Washington will ... next week at his home here.

...s. Harry P. Davis is visiting ...ister, Mrs. W. D. Browning, in ...mond.

...s. James F. Harvey is now at ..., after spending a month in ...Virginia Baptist Hospital.

...s Dot Sears, of Petersburg, ...the week-end here with her ...r, Mrs. J. E. Sears.

... E. T. Layne, Jr. is receiv...reatment at the University of ...ia Hospital, Charlottesville.

... and Mrs. Harry Nash, of ...ll visited in the S. G. Ander...home Monday afternoon.

... Judy Haley spent Sunday ...with Miss Mable Nadine Gri...

... and Mrs. Fred Grishaw and ... visited their daughter in ...burg Sunday.

... Ann Abbitt, a student at ...ampton College, spent the ...end with her parents, Rep. and ...V. M. Abbitt.

... and Mrs. Jack James and ...ns, Bill and Jack Jr., spent ...ek-end here with Mrs. James' ..., Mrs. Ola Furbush.

...tors in the S. G. Anderson ...recently were Mrs. J. T. Ba..., Pamplin; Mr. and Mrs. Rob...lloney, of Cullen, and Mr. ...s. Edward Booker, of Pam...

Moses Dinkins, of V. P. I., spent several days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Dinkins.

Misses Mary and Martha Chernault and Mrs. Nell Neighbors spent the week-end in Farmville with Mrs. Kirby Mottley.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wheeler and children, Steve, Jerry, Linda, and Becky, of Richmond spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler.

Miss Patricia Powers, of North Carolina and Lynchburg, was the dinner guest of her grandmother, Mrs. J. E. Sears on Sunday.

Miss Edna Adcock is a patient at Virginia Baptist Hospital, after undergoing surgery there on last Thursday.

Dan Coleman, of V. P. I., is spending the spring vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Coleman.

Mrs. Craddock McWane and son, "Abe," and Mrs. Bill Farrar, of Lynchburg were Sunday evening guests of Mrs. Vera Wood.

Miss Nancy Martin, a student at Longwood College, was among those attending a Wesley Foundation Conference last week-end at Madison College, Harrisonburg.

Byron Babcock has returned to his position at Norfolk Academy, after attending a series of meetings for private school teachers in New York City.

Mr. Henry T. Chernault, Mrs. Janie J. Chernault, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Chernault and son, Gene; and Mrs. Ed Blackwell motored to Richmond, to visit Mr. W. T. Coleman, who is ill in the hospital. He is a brother of Mrs. Chernault.

Mrs. Elwood Gayle and daughter, Lish, of Fredericksburg, and Mrs. Mary Byrd Sanford, of Newport News, are spending today with Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Gayle. Dr. Gayle is rcovering from a recent operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Schuyler Marshall spent several days in Richmond this week. Mrs. Marshall attended the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia, that convened at the First Baptist Church. While in Richmond, they were guests of Mr. Marshall's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Abbitt Marshall.

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Mrs. Allison T. Inge underwent an eye operation at the Lynchburg General Hospital Monday. Her condition is reported to be satisfactory. She will undergo another eye operation on Monday.

Mrs. Pauline Glenn, who holds a position at L. T. S., Colony, and Mrs. Kathleen Collins, of Washington visited their father, W. T. Coleman Tuesday in The Evans Nursing Home at Spout Spring.

Miss Annie Hancock and Mrs. Watkins M. Abbitt spent the week-end in Petersburg with their sister, Mrs. W. F. Woolfolk. Mr. Woolfolk is a patient in the Petersburg Hospital. His condition is reported to be satisfactory at this time.

T. DeWitt Evans, Cashier of the Farmers National Bank, joined a group of farmers and business men last week for a tour sponsored by the Campbell County Bank. They visited the Carolinas, Georgia, and Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Moses Jr. have returned from a week-end trip to the Chamberlain Hotel at Old Point Comfort, where they attended the Spring Conference of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Miss Laura McFadden, associate director of the Baptist Goodwill Center at Clincho, spent Monday night here with her mother, Mrs. Herman Carter, while en route to Richmond to attend the State W. M. U. meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith have received word that their daughter, Mrs. Henry A. Perdieu continues ill at this writing. Her address is: Mrs. Henry A. Perdieu, 138 North East Street, Carey, Ohio. She would be pleased to receive a card from her friends here.

Bradley Babcock left Tuesday with the Hampden-Sydney College baseball team for their spring vacationing games in North Carolina. They are scheduled to play Davidson, Elon, Belmont Abbey, and N. C. State College during the week. This is Babcock's second year with the Hampden-Sydney team.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Coleman and Mrs. T. H. Robertson motored to Richmond Sunday, where they visited Mr. Coleman's and Mrs. Robertson's brother, W. T. Coleman, who is a patient in The Sheltering Arms Hospital. They were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Mansha were guests last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Moses Jr. While here in Appomattox, they toured the Surrender Grounds at Old Appomattox Court House, and also visited "Red Hill," the last home of Patrick Henry, in Charlotte County.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Goodrich had as their week-end guests Mr. and Mrs. Jerry A. Smith and two sons, Richard and Clarence Edward, of Crewe. Luncheon guests of the Goodriches Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. George Ferguson and two sons, Brod and Kent, and Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Holland and Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Moses Jr. attended a dinner meeting Tuesday night in Farmville, of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary. The Honorable W. C. (Dan) Daniels, of Danville, spoke on his trip to The Soviet Union last fall as a member of the President's People to People Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Y. Spencer and daughter, Mary Yancey; Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Farrar, Mr. and Mrs. C. Lewis McDearmon, and Judge and Mrs. Charles F. P. Crawley spent the week-end in Richmond, where they attended a performance of the stage show, "My Fair Lady." While there they were entertained at a party in the home of Judge and Mrs. Sam Witt. Mrs. Witt is the former Miss Elizabeth McDearmon of this place.

A/1C and Mrs. Wesley C. Newcomb and daughter, Cindy, who have been in Germany for the past three years, will arrive in New Yor on Sunday by plane. They will be met there by Mrs. Newcomb's brother, Carl Evans, of Union, New Jersey. The Newcombs will motor to Appomattox, where they will visit Mrs. Newcomb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Evans, before going to Maryland, where A/1C Newcomb will be stationed at Andrews Air Base.

Household Shower

There will be a household shower given in honor of Mrs. C. E. Franklin in the home of Mrs. J. G. Franklin on Friday, March 25, at 8 P. M. All friends and relatives are invited. Mrs. Franklin's home was recently destroyed by fire.

Birthday List

Mrs. Nelda St. John, March 8.
Mrs. Allie Brittle, March 22.

Play safe—drive carefully.

Hixburg

Hixburg, March 23.- Mrs. Patrick Lair and son, Mike, had three dinner guests on Sunday evening. They were Mr. and Mrs. Rob Martin and Estelle Covington.

Commander Patrick Lair is still in a hospital in Portsmoutah.

Somewhat improved is the condition of Miss Maggie Hix. Her callers on Sunday were Mrs. Bob Covington and Estelle, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fore, Mr. Ed McPhillips and daughter, Mrs. Hilda Williams, and Sam Erwin, her nephew, from Winston-Salem, N. C.

Watkins McPhillips spent Tuesday and Wednesday in the home of his uncle, Mr. Pat McPhillips, in Catharpin, Va.

Mrs. Pat McPhillips, who broke her ankle several weeks ago, is still in a wheel chair.

Mrs. Margaret Ann Flinn, her daughter, from Santiago, California, is staying with her.

Thirteen members of the Pamplin Home Demonstration Club attended the meeting in the home of Mrs. Percy Lucado on Thursday afternoon. The two, Mrs. Jim Carson and Mrs. Henry Covington, who were to have demonstrated the mounting and framing of pictures, were absent. Mrs. Bernard Anderson, county home agent, substituted for them. Refreshments were served by the hostess. Mrs. Edwin Fore will be hostess for the April meeting.

Mrs. Ernest Carson is not so well at this time.

Dr. E. N. Pleasants, brother-in-law of Edwin Fore, is a patient in University Hospital, in Philadelphia.

Mrs. George Edward Webb, Jr., whose husband recently passed away, will return to her father's, Mr. O. A. Bayles's home in Amelia, after the public sale of her farm implements, livestock, grain, etc., on April 2, at 10:00 A. M., at her home.

Mrs. Mae Gilliam Clealand, of Richmond was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sears.

Civil War Centennial

Washington, D. C.- Perhaps the representative exhibit of weapons and other relics ever assembled will be a major feature at the third annual assembly of the National Civil War Centennial Commission, to be held in St. Louis, May 5-6.

In announcing plans for the exhibit, Karl S. Betts, executive director of the Commissioon, said it is being assembled with the advice of some of the leading authorities on Civil War memorabilia in America.

"We want it to be the finest, most comprehensive exhibit of its sort ever put together, he announced. 'It should have interest and educational value for everyone, regardless of whether he is a Civil War buff, because in it will be just about every type of relic connected with this great struggle of a century ago."

One of the leading workers in behalf of the exhibit, according to Mr. Betts, has been J. P. Altmayer of Mobile, Ala., chairman of the Exhibits Committee of the American Society of Arms Collectors.

Other groups interested in the plan are the Company of Military Collectors and Historians and the American Ordnance Association.

A part of the exhibit, through the cooperation of the Defense Department, will be brought from historic Jefferson Barracks and Fort Leavenworth, two of the frontier posts of the war period. Other agencies here in Washingtoon are cooperating with the project.

At St. Louis, where space will be provided by the Sheraton - Jefferson Hotel, meeting place of the assembly, working in connection with the exhibit is carried on by a committee headed by Dr. Bert Maybee, of Kansas City, chairman of the Missouri State Centennial Commission, and Norman Halls, commission member and former president of the St. Louis Civil War Round Table.

Another attraction at the assembly it is hoped will be the Crinoline Brigade, a group of ladies organized through the efforts of Mrs. Dallas Irvine, of Washington, D. C., wife of the chief archivist of the War Records Division at National Archives. Under her direction, each member of the group would be attired during attendance at the meeting in authentic costumes of the period.

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DISTRICT D.O. CLUBS MET

On Monday of this week the Diversified Occupation Club of Appomattox High School attended their District Convention at Brookville High School. Attending were Perry Davis, Roger Davis, Luther Lewis and Buddy Wilkins along with the DO Coordinator, Bob Montgomery. Perry Davis won second place in the King Contest and Buddy Wilkins placed third in the Spelling Contest. Other DO clubs represented were Brookville, Madison Heights, E. C. Glass, William Byrd and Covington. The convention was enjoyed by everyone.

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I wish to thank my friends and relatives in Appomattox for cards, letters I have received since the passing of my wife.

James Beale.

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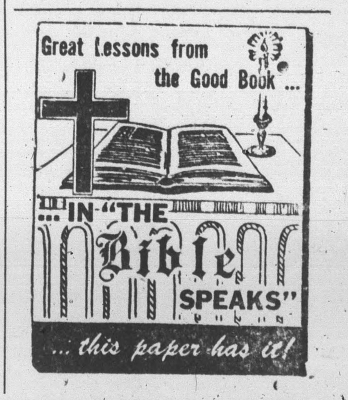

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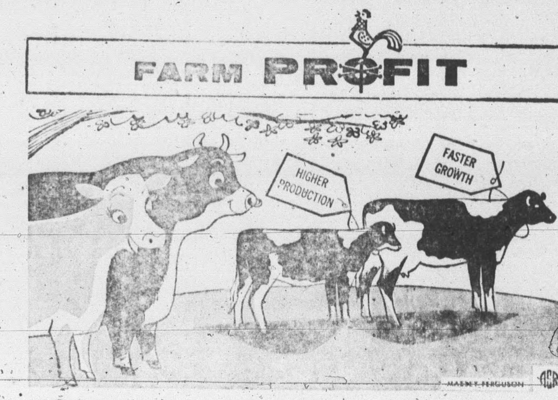

Crossbred Cows Are Two-Way Winners

A crossbred dairy heifer is likely to make more money for her owner than a purebred half-sister with a pedigree as long as your arm. They grow faster as calves and they produce more milk as mature cows.

Crossbreds in the University of Illinois dairy herd averaged 11.6% more butterfat and 2.4% more milk in their first year of milking than similar purebred cows. R. W. Touchberry, University of Illinois scientist who conducted the experiment, declares, "The big increase in production may be because the crossbreds grow faster and are more fully developed at two years of age when they begin to produce. When you keep in mind that about 50% of all producing cows are either in the first or second lactation, early calving and production becomes very important.

Crossbred calves almost consistently gained faster during the first three years of their lives than their purebred half-sisters, according to a Massey-Ferguson research report. But by the time the cows were five years old the weight difference practically disappeared.

There are several advantages to faster growth. First, more rapidly growing animals usually need less feed to reach maturity. And, secondly, bull calves and cull heifers can be shipped to market sooner.

"Crossbreeding probably isn't for the top 10 to 20% of the purebred cattle breeders," says Touchberry. But it has advantages for some commercial producers. It is not a 'cure all' and certainly isn't a substitute for proper feeding, sanitation and overall good management.

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